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Title: Need to expedite the establishment of Joint venture of Indian Railways and Steel Industries Limited Kerala (SILK) to manufacture fabricated Railway Bogies.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Steel Industries Limited Kerala (SILK) is a Public Sector Undertaking which is a pioneer in foundry Industry. It is manufacturing iron castings, fabricated steel and other allied components. In order to meet the bogie requirements of Indian Railways Hon'ble Railway Minister has announced in the Railway Budget for the year 2007-08 that a Joint Venture would be established with Indian Railway and Steel Industries Limited Kerala (SILK) to manufacture fabricated railway bogies and Rs. 85 crores have been earmarked for the same. Government of Kerala is working on the proposal mooted by the Railways. I would urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to expedite the proposal so that the impediments in the establishment of Joint Venture could be resolved.